

**County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT/TITLE:

AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY FIRE TO OPERATIONALIZE AN AERIAL FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM, APPROVE THE SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE AND OUTFITTING OF A SIKORSKY S70 FIREHAWK HELICOPTER, EXTEND AN AGREEMENT WITH SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC FOR REGIONAL AERIAL FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES, AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:

Yes ☒ No ☐

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION §1000.1 REQUIRED:

Yes ☐ No ☒

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:

Yes ☐ No ☒

PROJECT UNDER CEQA:

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, approval of CEQA document required?

Yes ☐ No ☒

DECISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308:

Yes ☒ No ☐

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

01.28.2025 - PURCHASE OF A TWIN-ENGINE HELICOPTER, NEW WATER TENDERS, A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF FIRE SAFETY IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, AND WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY A-72 (16)

06.03.2025 - RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL FIRE PREPAREDNESS (14)

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

Board Policy A-87

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

Board Policy A-87: A waiver for Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, is requested. A single source contract with SDG&E for the regional helicopter program meets the requirements in Board Policy A-87, 3A3. SDG&E is the only available funding source for this firefighting helicopter support and the request to extend the current agreement maintains a continuity of services that provide wildfire protection to residents in the region. Additionally, under Board Policy A-87, 3A2, the request to purchase a Sikorsky S70 from SDG&E ensures standardization and continuity of operations with CAL FIRE pilots, who will operate the helicopter on behalf of the County. Finally, a single source contract with United Rotorcraft is requested to outfit the helicopter to meet CAL FIRE's operational standards. United Rotorcraft has the exclusive right to modify the Sikorsky S70 helicopter and meets the requirement in Board Policy A-87, 2A5.

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

567111 San Diego Gas & Electric

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: County Fire

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): Department of Purchasing and Contracting, Auditor and Controller

INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETED: YES ☒ NO ☐

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